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POWELL ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU; DOROTHY ATTWOOD TO LEAVE FCC THIS SUMMER, WILLIAM MAHER TO BE NAMED TO BUREAU CHIEF POSITION

Washington, DC - FCC Chairman Michael Powell today announced that Wireline Competition Bureau Chief Dorothy Attwood is leaving the Commission this summer, and that he intends to name Washington attorney William Maher to assume the bureau chief duties.

Powell said, "It is with deep regret that I announce that Dorothy Attwood has decided to move on from her duties as Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. She has performed exceptional service in her two years as Chief of this important bureau, and in her prior responsibilities as Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau Enforcement Division. She has played an integral role in the FCC's implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and in shaping our policies in the transition to a more competitive telecommunications environment. She has been a key spokesperson on wireline issues to Congress and the public alike, and I have personally relied heavily on her expertise and advice. She will be missed."

Powell said, "To take over this critical bureau chief position, I am turning to an experienced FCC and telecommunications official, William Maher, who will bring a unique combination of legal, engineering and policy development experience to provide critical leadership to the Wireline Competition Bureau and the entire Commission."

Maher is presently a partner in the telecommunications law firm Halprin, Temple, Goodman & Maher, where since 1994 his practice has addressed wireline, wireless and international telecommunications issues. He previously served at the FCC from 1985-1989 in the Common Carrier Bureau. As Special Counsel for Competitive Issues, he worked on Computer III, Open Network Architecture and other issues. Maher also was an official at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in the U.S. Department of Commerce from 1989-1994 where he served as Associate Administrator, Office of Policy Analysis and Development and assisted in formulating Executive Branch policies on telecommunications issues.

Maher received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame, and an S.M. in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After serving as an engineer on the technical staff of Bell Laboratories, he attended Harvard Law School where he received a J.D in 1984.

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Ms. Attwood was appointed chief of the Common Carrier Bureau, the predecessor to the Wireline Competition Bureau, in July 2000. Prior to becoming chief of the bureau, Ms. Attwood had been senior legal advisor to then-Chairman William Kennard and Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau's Enforcement Division. Ms. Attwood joined the FCC in 1996 and served in the Policy and Program Planning Division of the Common Carrier Bureau, and in the Office of General Counsel. Before joining the FCC, Attwood was a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Cozen & O'Conner, specializing in commercial litigation. She graduated from Brown University, receiving an A.B., and earned her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She also received an M.S. from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

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